

REMARKS

The claims in the application remain 28-62.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 61 and 62, which have been indicated allowable in paragraph 7 of the Final Office Action, have each been amended into independent form to reduce the number of issues on appeal. A Notice of Appeal is being simultaneously filed herewith together with the Appeal fee, a Petition for an automatic two month extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) with the Petition fee and the fee for the additional independent claims introduced herein.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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